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“Compassionomics: The Revolutionary Scientific Evidence that Caring Makes a Difference”

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Stephen Trzeciak, MD, MPH is a physician scientist, the Edward D. Viner Endowed Chief of Medicine at Cooper University Health Care, and Professor and Chair of Medicine at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University in Camden, New Jersey. Dr. Trzeciak is a practicing intensivist (specialist in intensive care medicine), and a clinical researcher with 150 publications in the scientific literature. Dr. Trzeciak’s publications have been featured in prominent medical journals, such as JAMA, Circulation, and The New England Journal of Medicine. His scientific program has been supported by research grants from the National Institutes of Health and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, with Dr. Trzeciak serving as Principal Investigator.

Dr. Trzeciak is the co-author of *Wonder Drug: 7 Scientifically Proven Ways That Serving Others Is the Best Medicine for Yourself* (2022), and *Compassionomics: The Revolutionary Scientific Evidence that Caring Makes a Difference* (2019). His work has been featured in numerous media outlets including CNN, NPR, USA TODAY, The Washington Post, Harvard Business Review, and Freakonomics. For this work, he was awarded the Influencers of Healthcare Award by The Philadelphia Inquirer. Broadly, Dr. Trzeciak’s mission is helping people see the power of compassion, kindness, and hope — through science.

Dr. Trzeciak is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He earned his medical degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and his Master’s of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He completed his residency training at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and his fellowship in critical care medicine at Rush University Medical Center. He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, and is board-certified in internal medicine, critical care medicine, and neurocritical care.